

# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

## WOMEN'S CLUB

Promote friendship | Strengthen bonds of common interest | Provide service to UNL



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**Fall Hors d'Oeuvres**

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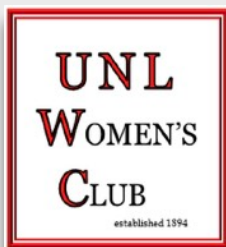
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### Message from UNLWC 2023-24 President, Marilynn Schnepf

Dear UNLWC Members,

Welcome to a new club year of exciting activities, with opportunities to meet new members and to aid UNL students with scholarships, Husker Pantry donations, and other services. I have been a member of UNLWC for about eight years since I retired from the University. I have found the opportunities to meet new people and engage in many activities very fulfilling.

Founded in 1894, UNLWC continues to be a vibrant organization, with many activities and opportunities for its members. Our mission is "to promote friendship among members, to strengthen their bond of common interest, and to provide service to the University including funding scholarships." I am sure you will find many opportunities to help UNL students, participate in interesting meetings, and meet new friends.

Our first event is the Fall Welcome at the home of University of Nebraska President Ted Carter and his wife Lynda. UNLWC members are guests of the University of Nebraska President's Office. If you have friends or associates interested in the Women's Club, please encourage them to join before August 31st so they will be eligible to receive an invitation to the Fall Welcome.

Current Board members are busy working on UNLWC events for this fall. The Fall Tour will be a visit to Beatrice NE, and the Fall Hors d'Oeuvres will be held at the International Quilt Museum. At the Fall Welcome you will be able to learn about the variety of Interest Groups that you may want to participate in. Please read this Newsletter for more information about the many activities available to members.

Our website ([www.unl.edu/womensclub](http://www.unl.edu/womensclub)) is a great source about our organization. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year. I am very grateful to all the Board members who are working on this year's activities. I am sure you will find many activities and meet many members who will add joy and fun to your lives.



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### Fall Welcome Luncheon Wednesday, September 13th

Members are invited to attend the Fall Welcome Luncheon at the home of Ted and Lynda Carter, President of the University of Nebraska System.

This is a members-only event. Members please check your email for an invitation and RSVP as requested.



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### Fall Hors d'Oeuvres Wednesday, November 8th

Our November event will be held at the International Quilt Museum. An informational email, including registration details, will be sent to members when we finalize this event. Co-Chairs are Marjorie Kostelnik and Jill Bates.

### Fall Tour Wednesday, October 11

A special day touring the Homestead National Monument and visiting spots of interest in Beatrice, including lunch, has been planned for your enjoyment.

We will meet at 7:45 a.m. at Christ Place Church, 1111 Old Cheney, and carpool to Homestead National Monument located four miles west of Beatrice. Following rolls and beverage from Sunrise Bakery, we will be treated to a private tour and presentation by Historian Jonathan Fairchild entitled "Planted in the Soil: The Homestead Act, Women Homesteaders, and the 19th Amendment." This program gives a focused look on hundreds of thousands of women who joined a historically enfranchised class of landowners and used their newfound economic power to push for equality in the eyes of the law. We will learn how women homesteaders helped lead the way to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920.



Following our tour, we will travel to Beatrice, stop at Grandma's Fruitcakes, and then enjoy lunch at the Black Crow. Following the meal, we will visit Yesterday's Lady and Cedar Creek Pottery before returning to Lincoln at 4:00.

Locations are easily accessible on the first floor of all buildings. Some walking is required (2-3 blocks). Parking is available near all locations.

Cost of the Fall Tour is \$38. Refunds will not be available for tour cancellations.

Please contact any of the three Co-Chairs if you have questions: Julie Albrecht, Cheryl Alberts, or Valerie Ellsworth.

A UNLWC Fall Tour Registration form will be sent to members via email. Please return the form and your check to Nancy Weller by Friday, September 15th.



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## UNLWC Represented at Big 10 University Club Conference

Marilynn Schnepf and Karen Buckley, president and past president, represented UNLWC at the Big 10 University Club Conference, held June 11-13 at Michigan State University.

Karen is pictured with the featured speaker, Mona Hanna-Attisha, author of "What the Eyes Don't See; A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City." Dr. Hanna-Attisha, alongside a team of researchers, parents, friends and community members, discovered the children of Flint, MI were being exposed to lead in their tap water. Her book is part memoir and part expose and becomes a story of hope as Flint citizens have forged a new path to a better world for their children.



Other activities included a campus tour, luncheon at the Cowles House, official residence of the MSU president, and opportunities to network with other Big-10 university clubs. Twelve of the fourteen Big-10 Universities participated in the conference. The two newest members, Maryland and Rutgers, did not send representatives. The next Big-10 conference will be in Iowa City in 2025; Nebraska will host the conference in 2029.

## Meet our 2023-24 Board Members

- President: Marilyn Schnepf
- President-Elect: Cheryl Trzupek
- Second VP/Newcomers: Arlene Smith
- Second VP/Membership: Joyce Besch
- Recording Secretary: TBA
- Co-Treasurers: Jessie Waller and Nancy Weller



Officers Marilyn Schnepf, Cheryl Trzupek, Arlene Smith, and Nancy Weller attended the Spring Luncheon.

## UNLWC 2023-24 Committee Chairs

Advisor / Parliamentarian	Karen Buckley
Courtesy	Diane Mohrhoff
Fall Tour	Julie Albrecht, Cheryl Alberts, and Valerie Ellsworth
Fall Hors D'oeuvres	Marjorie Kostelnik, Jill Bates
Fundraising	Debby Raddatz-Portnoy
Historian	Brenda Keith
Hospitality	Diane McCallister
Interest Groups	Penny McCord
Newsletter	Jill Bates
Programs	Kay Rockwell
Publicity / Communications	Ivette Bender
Scholarship	Kelly Powell, Charlotte Frank, and Tina Shrader
Spring Luncheon	Deb Miller, Karen Buckley
Telephone	Gail O'Hanlon
Webmaster	Kelly Powell



## Fundraising



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The generosity of UNL Women's Club members and friends remained steadfast, continuing to fulfill our mission to students at UNL through fundraising efforts and direct donations.

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, approximately 110 individuals donated a total of \$12,385, which included a \$1,400 donation from UNLWC as a result of their overall budget savings

The annual basket raffle was held again at the Spring Luncheon. There were 16 unique baskets provided by the interest groups and some individuals. The raffle brought in \$981. The Piecemakers interest group donated a beautiful handmade quilted wall hanging which made \$370 in raffle ticket sales. The total from the baskets and quilt raffle was \$1,351 which all went to our scholarship fund.

The grand total for 2022-23 year was \$13,736. These fundraising efforts are evidence that our tradition remains strong and that our membership is steadfast in their support of UNL and the students who make academic excellence a priority.



## 2023-2024 Scholarship Awardees

Student	Major
Allison Kassing	Human Dev./Spanish
Hannah Nguyen	Biochemistry
Rachel Summers	Environmental Studies/Poli.Sci.
Enma Cavalier	Sociology/Poli.Sci.
Paul Pechous	Special Education
Danielle Koch	Psychology
Sydney K. Spanel	Elementary Education
Sydney Gray	Business Administration
Kylee Preuss	Human Dev./Education
Lily Weindel	Elementary Ed./Sociology
Landyn Leigh Cole	English/Poli.Sci. & Human Rights



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### Scholarship Awardees Express their Appreciation

The 11 scholarship awardees expressed their appreciation for the scholarship as they accepted it via email.

Here are a few of their responses:

It is an honor to be nominated for this scholarship. Thank you, the selections committee, and the entire UNL Women's Club for this great opportunity. I am humbled and grateful for your support. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you. I'm always happy to help!

Thanks again, Paul Pechous

I am honored to receive this scholarship and thank you so much for this opportunity. I can't wait to meet you all in the Spring!

Best, Emma Cavalier

Thank you so much for the scholarship offer. I look forward to meeting the group in person whenever we meet to take the group photo.

Thank you, Dani Koch

Thank you so much for this incredible scholarship! I absolutely 100% accept!

Sincerely, Kylee Preuss

## UNL Women's Club Interest Groups

Interest groups are the essence of the UNL Women's Club where our mission statement comes alive. These small groups are where acquaintances develop into friendships, common interests grow into strong bonds, and our desire to serve the University turns into action. Sign up at the Fall Welcome Luncheon or contact the Interest Group Chair listed. If you have a new idea or are willing to help organize a new group, such as wine tasting, bunco, or some other new group, contact Penny McCord, [pmccord23@icloud.com](mailto:pmccord23@icloud.com).

Interest Group	Description	When They Meet	Chair(s)
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>	Newer group again this fall. Members to help determine group activities.		Kem To Cheryl Alberts
<b>Book Clubs</b>	For all who enjoying reading and discussing books with friends.		
<b>Book Club I</b>		1st Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.	Judy Jensen
<b>Book Club II (Chapter 2)</b>		1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.	Deb Miller Chris Wilhelm
<b>Book Club III</b>		1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.	Bonnie Varvel
<b>Bridge Groups</b>	Meet monthly for bridge and friendship. Most are open for new or substitute members. A new group could be established if enough people are interested.		
<b>Afternoon Bridge</b>		1st Thursday, 11:30-3:00 p.m.	Janice Lawrence
<b>Evening Bridge</b>		1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	Kem To
<b>Bridge Marathon</b>		Monthly October - April	Kay Rockwell
<b>Community Outreach</b> Provides support to UNL students and Lincoln community		Varies by project, i.e. Husker Pantry.	Husker Pantry: Tina Shrader
<b>Couples Gourmet</b> Fun and food-loving group that creates assigned dishes to share at unforgettable meals at hosts' homes.		Monthly during the academic year	Laura Damuth
<b>Nooners</b> Members meet for lunch or dinner out, signing up to choose the restaurant and time, and making reservations for the group.		2nd Thursday, beginning in October	Cathi Haisch
<b>Group Therapy (aka Ladies Night)</b> Dinner out at various local eateries.		Varies. Usually the third week of the month.	Miriam McCornick Kelly Powell
<b>International Club</b> Programs with guest speakers or lunch outings to learn about other countries and cultures.		Monthly. Dates and time vary.	Kay Rockwell Pat Hurley Sarah Purcell Cheryl Trzupek Chair 5: TBD
<b>Meals on Wheels</b> Delivers hot meals to the elderly and disabled.		1 to 1-1/2 hours monthly	Chris Read Tabitha trains and schedules. Contact Chris if you'd like to help or ride along.
<b>Newcomers &amp; Friends</b> New members + others who wish to participate in activities.		Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation at a variety of locales.	Arlene Smith
<b>Piecemakers</b> Quilting group. Beginners Welcome. Non-quilters welcome to bring needlework project and join in.		Every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - noon. Location varies.	Jeanne Foster
<b>Variety Club</b> Join in different activities (movies, lunch, discussion, volunteering, performances, etc.)		Times and dates vary	Karen Buckley Chris Wilhelm Annette Watts

## Husker Pantry

### Personal Care Needs Donation Opportunity

In UNLWC's continuing effort to support UNL students we will be collecting personal care items for the Husker Pantry on **Wednesday, August 23 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Holmes Lake Park** in the gravel parking lot next to the playground.

Make a morning of it by joining Newcomers and Friends for coffee and conversation.



## Courtesy

Cards are sent to members who are hospitalized or for special events such as a significant birthday or anniversary.

If you know of a member who has passed away, please advise our Courtesy Chair Diane Mohrhoff.

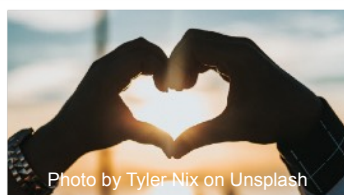


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## In Memory

In memory of a member who has passed away, a card is sent to the family expressing our sympathy. It also states that each year a memorial donation of \$300 is made to the NU Foundation UNLWC Scholarship Fund in honor of all those who have passed away. This donation from UNL Women's Club is sent in April along with a letter listing the individuals in whose name the gift is made.

Here are the names of members who were recognized by the club with a monetary donation to the Foundation.

Mary Schkade  
Judith Schutz  
Georgia Ann Raun  
Elizabeth LaRue  
Jane Clegg

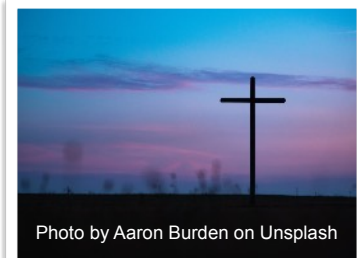


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## Membership Dues and Fundraising for UNL Scholarships

Membership renewal forms will be mailed along with a fundraising letter again this year. Please watch for this mailing in mid-August. Your dues are payable by September 30th. Dues are \$25 before September 30 and \$30 after that date.

**Newcomers and Friends** meet for coffee every Wednesday morning at 9:30. The locations vary, sometime depending on the weather. During the summer, you may find the group at Holmes Lake. They also meet at local coffee houses. Please know that everyone is invited! The conversation is lively, and you are always welcome.



Newcomers meet at the Harbor Coffee Shop.



# UNLWC Snapshots



Spring Luncheon



Tina & Pantry



Newcomers greet an unexpected guest



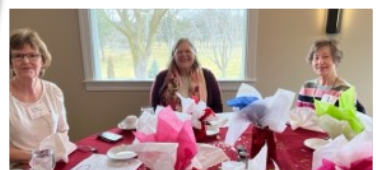
Group Therapy at Glacial Till Winery



Marilynn & Karen meet Sparty at MSU



Fun in Ashland with Variety Club



Interest Groups Chair Appreciation Luncheon